

Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code  
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds, organizations that operate one or more hospital facilities, and certain controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990 (see instructions)

All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$200,000 and total assets less than \$500,000 at the end of the year may use this form

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

OMB No 1545-1150

2012

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B

Check if applicable

Address change

Name change

Initial return

Terminated

Amended return

Application pending

C Name of organization

Citizens for Richard Lerner

D Employer identification number

83-0507272

E Telephone number

F Group Exemption Number

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

3

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Farmington Hills, MI 48331

G Accounting Method

☒ Cash

☐ Accrual

Other (specify)

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website:

J Tax-exempt status

(check only one)

☐ 501(c)(3)

☐ 501(c)( )

(insert no )

☐ 4947(a)(1) or

☒ 527

K Check ☒ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization or a section 527 organization **and** its gross receipts are normally **not** more than \$50,000 A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required though Form 990-N (e-postcard) may be required (see instructions) But if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, line 25, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

\$ 0

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)			
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I			
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	0
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	0
	3	Membership dues and assessments	0
	4	Investment income	0
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	0
	5b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	0
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	0
	6	Gaming and fundraising events	
	6a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	0
	6b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	0
Expenses	6c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	0
	6d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	0
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	0
	7b	Less cost of goods sold	0
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	0
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	0
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	0
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	0
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	0
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	0
Net Assets	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	0
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	0
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	0
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	0
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	0
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	0
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	0
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	0
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 18 through 20	0

Part II

Balance Sheets (see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	0	22	0
23 Land and buildings	0	23	0
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	0	24	0
25 Total assets	0	25	0
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	0	26	0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	0	27	0

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?  
Candidate Committee for City Councilmember Must remain open while in office

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

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Candidate Committee for local office State requires committee to remain open while candidate is in office  
Does not currently have any activity or funds  
(Grants \$ 0) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

0

29

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

30

(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31

Other program services (describe in Schedule O)  
(Grants \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32

Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

0

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c)Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
Richard Lerner Treasurer	0	0	0	0

Part V

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V ) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O	33	No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)	34	No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	35a	No
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	35b	
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	35c	No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?	38a	No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	
c	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	No
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed MI		
42a	The organization's books are in care of Richard Lerner Telephone no (248) 471-4960 Located at 33850 Braebury Ridge Farmington Hills, MI ZIP + 4 48331		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.	42b	No
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country	42c	No
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	
		Yes	No
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44a	No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44b	No
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?	44c	No
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	44d	
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	45a	No
45b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)	45b	No

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I . . . . .		No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI ☐

		Yes	No
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .		
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . .		
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .		
49b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .		

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "				
(a) Name and title of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f	Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . .	▶	
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51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "		
(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d	Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . .	▶	
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52	Did the organization complete Schedule A? <b>NOTE:</b> All Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . .	▶	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer		2013-07-10			
	Richard Lerner Treasurer		Date			
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN	
	Firm's name ▶			Firm's EIN ▶		
	Firm's address ▶			Phone no		
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . .						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

**TY 2012 Reasonable Cause Explanation**

**Name:** Citizens for Richard Lerner

**EIN:** 83-0507272

**Software ID:** 12000197

**Software Version:** v1.00

**Explanation:** Understood were not required to file because there were no receipts or expenditures in the year. LTR4588C

**TY 2012 Request for Copy Attachment****Name:** Citizens for Richard Lerner**EIN:** 83-0507272**Software ID:** 12000197**Software Version:** v1.00**Copy Receiver Government Code:** MIST**Name of person making the  
consent:** Richard Lerner**Title of person making the  
consent:** Treasurer**PIN:** 48331**Date:** 2013-07-10

**\* Form 990 Online Filers: Please fax completed and signed form to 866-699-3916**

<b>Form 8453-EO</b>  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	<b>Exempt Organization Declaration and Signature for Electronic Filing</b> For calendar year 2012, or tax year beginning <u>01/01</u> , 2012, and ending <u>12/31</u> , 20 <u>12</u> <b>For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 1120-POL, and 8868</b>	OMB No. 1545-1878  <div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">2012</div>
Name of exempt organization <b>Citizens for Richard Lerner</b>		Employer identification number <b>83-0507272</b>

**Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)**

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a below and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A) line 12)	1b
2a Form 990-EZ check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b <u>0</u>
3a Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22)	3b
4a Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b
5a Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c)	5b

**Part II Declaration of Officer**

- 6 ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.
- ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2012 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

<b>Sign Here</b>	 Signature of officer	<u>7/16/13</u> Date	<b>Richard Lerner, Treasurer</b> Title
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**Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)**

I declare that I have reviewed the above organization's return and that the entries on Form 8453-EO are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The organization officer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the officer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

<b>ERO's Use Only</b>	ERO's signature Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address and ZIP code	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN  EIN Phone no
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Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name	Firm's EIN			Phone no
	Firm's address				